



A Career in EMS

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Occupational Specialites

MFR (*Medical First Responder*)

EMT-B (*Emergency Medical Technician-Basic*)

EMT-I (Intermediate or Specialist)

EMT-P (Paramedic)

I/C (Instructor Coordinator)



Admission to the program

- MUST be 18 years old at the time of graduation
- MUST be free of criminal convictions
- Are able to show proof that immunizations are up-to-date
- Show proof of the Hepatitis B vaccination series
- Are able to pass drug screening and background checks *(if required by clinical locations)*



Admission to the program

- Completion of Health Occupations I
 - Recommendation by the instructor
- Active participation in a junior firefighter/explorer program
 - Group leader recommendation
- Anatomy and Physiology
 - strong interest in health careers, medicine or emergency service career areas
 - Recommendation from counselor or teacher



The education

In Michigan:

MFR Classes: 60 total hours
all classroom hours

EMT-B Classes: 234 total hours (*at least*)
(24 hours in E.D. 48 hours on Ambulance)

EMT-S Classes: 100 total hours
classroom hours plus clinical rotations

Paramedic classes: 1,024 total hours
classroom hours plus clinical rotations plus a field externship



The Outcome

- Once completed with the program the student will:
 - Sit for the NREMT written exam
 - Apply for licensure
 - Become licensed and employed



Job Outlook to 2016

9.4%

(rate of increase)

This is faster than the average for all occupations until 2016



Salary

Nationally (2008 study)

EMT

\$22,000 - \$43,500

(Michigan: \$19,798-\$39,393)

Paramedics

\$32,800 - \$49,000

(Michigan:\$27,454-\$45,142)



Benefits

- Depending on where you work
 - You may receive
 - Paid vacations
 - Sick Leave
 - Disability
 - Health insurance
 - Uniform allowance
 - Tuition reimbursement



Once finished with class

Private EMS

Fire/Government Based EMS

In-house “technicians”

www.indeed.com



Job Duties

- Respond to emergency calls as assigned by a dispatcher
- Assess emergent patients
 - Determine the severity of their illness/injury
- Establish priorities for providing care to the patient
 - And perform the skills necessary



Job Duties

- Transport patients to the appropriate healthcare facility
 - Providing care en route
- Communicate with other health care professionals
- Educate the public



Working Conditions and Requirements

- Usually in teams of two
- Indirectly supervised by a physician
- Indoors and outdoors in all types of weather
- Exposed to a variety of environmental factors
- Possibility of injury and illness and exposure to infectious diseases.

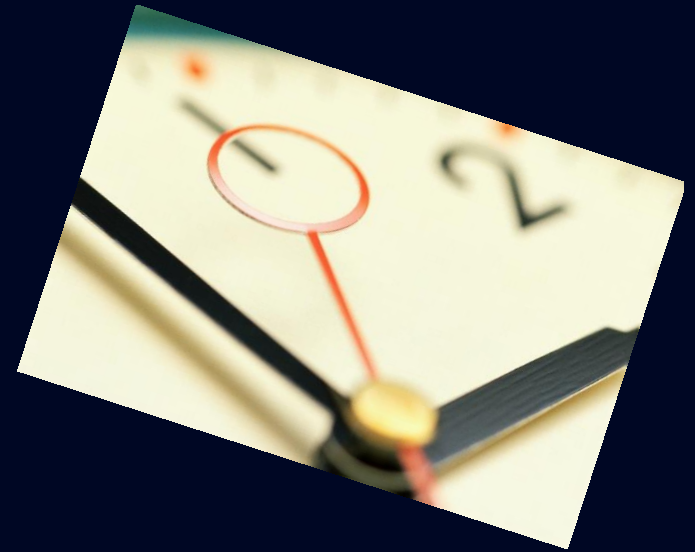


Work Hours

Hours vary depending on where you work

Shifts can be 8 hour, 12 hour, 24 hour and sometimes more

Nights, weekends and holidays!



- Questions?